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Why I Love the Church

Ephesians 5:25-32 "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.²⁹ After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church--³⁰ for we are members of his body.³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."³² This is a profound mystery-- but I am talking about Christ and the church."

1. I LOVE THE CHURCH BECAUSE _____

(John 13:34-35)

- (a) He _____ for the Church (*Eph 5:25*)
- (b) He _____ the Church (*Eph 5:29*)
- (c) He Hurts When _____ (*Acts 9:4-5*)
- (d) He is _____ of the Church (*Colossians 1:18*)

2. I LOVE THE CHURCH BECAUSE _____

(Ephesians 3:14-15)

3. I LOVE THE CHURCH BECAUSE OF _____

(1 John 1:7)

4. I LOVE THE CHURCH BECAUSE OF _____

- (a) The Church Has _____ to the World (*2 Cor. 5:18*)
- (b) The Church _____
- (c) The Church has _____ (*2 Cor. 5:17*)